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1. NESSI OF ICRC REPORTS ICRC EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESIDENT GALLOPIN RECEIVED CABLE TODAY (APRIL 25) FROM GENERAL PINOCHET IN RESPONSE TO FORMER'S TELEGRAM OF APRIL 16 INFORMING THAT IT NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE FOR ICRC DELS TO VISIT DAWSON ISLAND AND THAT ALL DETAINEES WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER INSTALLATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE ALTHOUGH "TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES" WERE DELAYING TRANSFER. NEW PLACES OF DETENTION FOR DAWSON ISLAND INMATES NOT RPT NOT INDICATED.

2. IN COURSE EARLIER CONVERSATION APRIL 24, NESSI REPORTED ICRC DELS HAVE VISITED FOUR OF FIVE DETENTION CENTERS IN SANTIAGO AND SUBURBS AND SEEN ABOUT 1200 DETAINEES DURING RECENT PAST. THEY EXPECT VISIT AIR FORCE ACADEMY IN NEAR FUTURE WHERE NUMBER OF CIVILIANS STILL DETAINED. PERMISSION VISIT ACADEMY OBTAINED FROM ACADEMY COMMANDER HIMSELF ALTHOUGH THIS FIRST TIME DELS PERMITTED VISIT.

3. CHIEF DEL HOPED TO SEE MINFONOFF AND MININT TO PROTEST
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FREQUENT TRANSFERS OF DETAINEES BUT NESSI DOUBTED WHETHER

PROTEST TO THOSE QUARTERS VERY EFFECTIVE SINCE IMPORTANT
DECISIONS RE DETAINEES INCREASINGLY MADE BY JUNTA ITSELF
AND PEOPLE IN MINISTRIES WHO APPARENTLY HAD SOME AUTHORITY
IN EARLIER DAYS AFTER COUP NOW LARGELY POWERLESS IN SUCH
MATTERS. DALE

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